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SUBJECT: SYRIAN COLUMNIST CLAIMS SYRO-SOVIET COMMUNIQUE

DEFINED "PALESTINIAN RIGHTS"

1. IN LONG AL-TAWRAH COMMENTARY APRIL 27, COLUMNIST AHMED SAWWAN CLAIMED RECENT SYRO-SOVIET COMMUNIQUE "GAVE CLEAR AND ACCURATE DEFINITION OF WHAT MEANT BY PHRASE "GUARANTEEING THE LEGITIMATE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN ARAB PEOPLE." HE STATED THIS NO LONGER GENERAL EXPRESSION TO BE INDIVIDUALLY INTERPRETED BUT IS "DEFINED BY SELF-DETERMINATION, ESTABLISHMENT OF INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE, UNCLASSIFIED

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AND RIGHT OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMELAND (COMMENT: DIFFERENTIATION BETWEEN STATE AND HOMELAND HERE IMPLIES THAT MANY SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO RETURN TO ISRAEL PROPER.) HE CONTINUED, "THE MEANS FOR BRINGING THIS ABOUT HAS, IN TURN, BEEN DEFINED, NAMELY, BY PARTICIPATION OF THE PLO AS SOLE AND LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IN ANY PEACE CONFERENCE

CONCERNED WITH THE ME CRISIS, PARTICULARLY THE

GENEVA CONFERENCE, ON EQUAL FOOTING WITH THE OTHER PARTIES."
HE NOTED PARTICIPATION SHOULD BE FROM THE BEGINNING AND CREDITED
THIS DEVELOPMENT TO DETERMINATION OF ARABS AND PALESTINIANS
AND FRIENDS, "PARTICULARLY THE STRATEGIC RELATIONS WITH THE
SOVIET UNION."

2. COMMENT: THIS FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT, AT LEAST FOR NOW,
SYRIAN POSITION ON PLO PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA HARDENING.
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